

SLEW MAN TO SAVE GIRLS, PEGGY SAYS

Miss Beal Goes on Trial Today With Plea, "I Am My Sister's Keeper"

50 WOMEN ON "LOVE LIST"



MARIE PEGGY BEAL

Kansas City, Oct. 23.—Marie Peggy Beal, diminutive, bobbed, black-haired wife of a woman, much of her one-time prettiness faded from the suffering of recent months, goes on trial today on a charge of having murdered F. Warren Anderson, Philadelphia clubman and educational director of one of Kansas City's largest department stores, here.

She will introduce the most novel defense ever spoken from the witness chair here—the claim that in killing Anderson—she called him "her perfect lover"—she was but following the version she has set up of the biblical admonition, "I am my sister's keeper."

For it was to save other women from broken hearts that Mrs. Beal killed, she says.

Her trial promises many sensations. The State, through Cameron Orr, County Prosecutor, claims to have a perfect case. On the other hand, Mrs. Beal is to be the only woman in the history of the State to be tried for the murder of a man.

The girl, who recently left a sanitarium where she had been treated as a tuberculosis patient, says she will tell her story to the jury in the following words:

"The story of my life and love will be my only defense. I will read it into the records of the case and let the jury decide."

Peggy says she will ask the jury if she did right or wrong—whether it were better to let her "perfect lover" live and see other hearts enslaved in life worse than death, or whether she had the moral right to kill for their honor.

Peggy says she believed Anderson was unwed and came to her under a promise of marriage. Then the plaintiff's myriad of loves, which she claims he refused to forsake, arose before the girl's eyes like a hideous black specter. Anderson made his decision, she claims. He said:

"Peggy, I am a devil. I may as well tell you now. I am not going to get a divorce. I have no grounds to get one. If you want to go on living this way, it will all right to me. If you don't, you can leave."

Note Tells of Her Deed It was at this point Peggy shot young Anderson. She turned the revolver on herself after leaving a hastily penned note telling of her intended deed. She had not mortally wounded him, she said. County Prosecutor Cameron Orr in a statement said he can prove that Peggy Beal had been reading Edgar Rice Burroughs' "The Man in the Iron Mask" that she came upon the name of the mythical Thuvia, standing before the prostitute form of her lover, whom she had just killed.

Or will state to the jury today that Peggy, romantic of nature, pictured herself Thuvia and killed not for other love, but because she was afraid her husband would be found out.

Attorney George Birmingham will defend Peggy. He says he believes her story. It was said the case will attract more attention than any criminal trial in years.

WIFE, FOUND WITH YOUTH, IS SLAIN BY HUSBAND

Coroner's Jury Returns Verdict of Justifiable Homicide

Pasadena, Calif., Oct. 23.—(By A. P.)—Justifiable homicide was the verdict returned today by the coroner's jury that inquired into the death of Mrs. George Harlow, nineteen, whose husband, George A. Harlow, thirty, an electrician, was said to have clubbed her to death with a shotgun near their home at Northfork early yesterday when he found her in the company of a young man of her age.

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U. S. SEEKS LIGHT ON LOAN TO CUBA

Arrangements Under Way to Send W. P. G. Harding to Study Financial Conditions

CREDIT OF ISLAND AT STAKE

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Washington, Oct. 23.—Tentative arrangements have been made for sending W. P. G. Harding, head of the Federal Reserve Board, to Cuba to study financial conditions there and report on the advisability of the \$50,000,000 loan to Cuba.

Financial Cuba is a bad way and its Government was tending to go to pieces when General Crowder was sent there two years ago to establish order. It is understood that General Crowder has recommended the \$50,000,000 loan, but he is an administrator, not a financier.

The State department wishes to have the situation examined by a financial expert before it approves the conditions attached to the loan. The difficulty in making a loan to Cuba is that the Central American and West Indian communities. The money disappears in graft unless its expenditure is supervised by the collector of the State Department.

In this instance the State Department is evidently proceeding with special care to see that the loan is made and the supervision exercised under conditions that are fair to Cuba and that will not involve the United States Government any more deeply in the island than is necessary.

Governor Harding, of the Federal Reserve System, will, it is felt, command the confidence of every one interested in establishing the credit of the island.

The announcement of his prospective mission to Cuba revives the question whether it is to be reappointed to the Federal Reserve Board or not. Some interpret the sending of him to the island as the Administration's way of finding a use for him when his successor is named.

Others think it is an indication of President Harding's intention to reappoint him.

The President seems to be hesitating because of the farm bloc's opposition to him. The politicians all predict the retirement of Governor Harding and the naming of Controller Crisinger, the President's Marion friend, as his successor.

Secretary Mellon is said to be pressing as determinedly as ever for Governor Harding's reappointment. Mr. Mellon expresses the sentiment of banking and business in the East is urging Governor Harding's retention. And it is understood that when any question of appointment to a post of high financial administration of the country has arisen the Secretary of the Treasury has invariably had his way.

FISHERMEN GET SCARE

Seaplane, Flying Low, Throws Panic Into Cape May Anglers

Cape May, N. J., Oct. 23.—A big crowd of people who were fishing on the city fishing pier here yesterday a big crowd were panic-stricken when a seaplane, flying low, crowded the pier with its engines, flying down the coast narrowly escaped hitting the fishing pier.

The plane carried five passengers besides the pilot, Charles Smith, of the fishing pier, said that the plane did not clear the pier more than ten feet. Fishermen who were busy with their lines and rods crowded the pier, expecting a crash. It is understood the city commissioners will appeal to the authorities to have orders issued to pilots of seaplanes to fly at a higher altitude when passing Cape May.

It is understood that the plane was scouting for a run-runner that was flying over the pier. The pilot was trying to land his cargo on either the New Jersey or Delaware coast.

MURDER CASE POSTPONED

Sick Witness Halts Cleveland Trial in O'Connell Killing

Cleveland, Oct. 23.—(By A. P.)—The trial of the big "Champion" twenty-two, alleged slayer of Thomas O'Connell, carnival promoter, of New Haven, Conn., who was shot and killed in a restaurant here on the morning of July 27, was today postponed until next Monday on account of the illness of one of the State's chief witnesses.

Mrs. Champion has established a record as a "spineless" during her three months in the county jail, refusing to discuss her case.

According to witnesses, O'Connell followed Mrs. Champion and a man, who later said he was her husband, into the restaurant on the morning of the shooting. There was an argument and O'Connell was knocked down and the shooting followed.

A witness told police that Mrs. Champion fired three shots from under her husband's coat. This she denied the next day.

PORTO RICO SEEKS BIG MAN

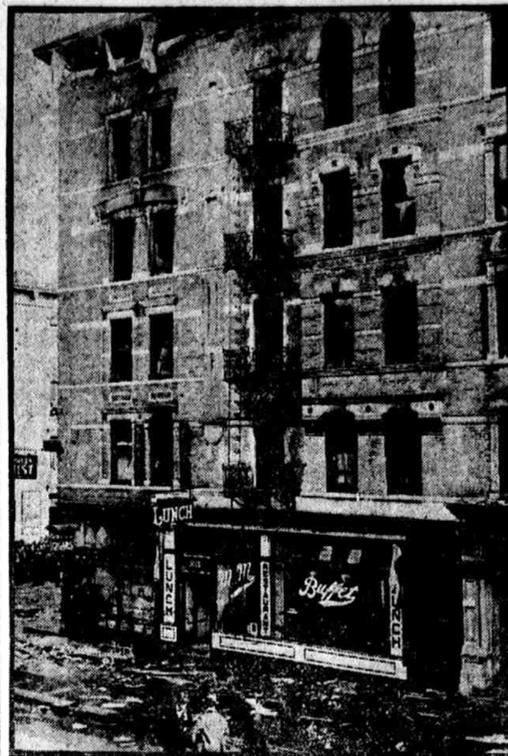
San Juan Mayor Would End Mont Rally Regime

Washington, Oct. 23.—(By A. P.)—Appointment of a big man for Governor of Porto Rico and inauguration of "American governmental policies" there were urged by Martin Travesio, Mayor of San Juan, at a conference today in the city.

The San Juan Mayor, who conferred with Secretary Weeks on Porto Rican matters last week, and who represents the United States, which is aligned against Mont Regily, the present Porto Rican Governor, said he did not specifically ask for the removal of Governor Regily, but for an ending of the whole regime which he said Mr. Regily represents.

He added that so far in his conference in Washington he had seen no indications of any immediate intention to make a change in the governorship of the island.

FIFTEEN PERISH IN TENEMENT FIRE



The tenement house at Lexington avenue and One Hundred and Tenth street, New York, where fifteen persons, mostly children, lost their lives. The fire is believed to have been the work of a pyromaniac

2 INQUIRIES INTO N. Y. FIRE; 15 DEAD

Seventeen Persons Injured in Tenement Blaze—Six in One Family Perish

MANY THRILLING RESCUES BURNS ALSO ATTACKED

By Associated Press

New York, Oct. 23.—Two separate inquiries were launched today into the origin of the fire yesterday in which fifteen lives were lost, seventeen injured and 150 persons made homeless.

Fire Marshal Thomas Brophy was in charge of one investigation, and Assistant District Attorney John R. Hennis, of the homicide bureau, of the other.

The fire was thought to have started under the main stairway in the hall of a five-story double tenement structure at 110th street and Lexington avenue. Six baby carriages had been parked there the evening before.

In many respects the fire was similar to one that raged through wooden tenement blocks a month ago in which seven lives were lost.

Six members of the family of Abraham Sugarman were burned to death in the fire. The father, the mother and five children lost their lives in the flames. Several of the dead were killed in jumping from the burning structure.

Two bodies, those of a man and a woman, were charred so badly as to render identification difficult, if not impossible.

The fire made rapid headway, sheets of flame roaring through wooden door shafts and hallways up five floors in fifteen minutes. Many thrilling rescues were made. Frederick Strokach being credited by police with saving sixteen lives. He was taken to a hospital, severely burned. Neighbors gave shelter to the homeless families.

Several tenants perished on upper story windows threatened to jump, but were prevailed upon by firemen to remain until ladders could be raised. One aged woman, Mrs. Mary Ingalls, disregarded the warning and leaped from the fourth floor, receiving injuries which caused her death tonight.

While the firemen were at work on the second floor and preparing to fight their way to the one above the third floor collapsed, but not before a warning roar had sent the firemen to safety.

Nearly a score of persons owe their lives to seventeen-year-old James O'Connell, a mechanic's helper, who was cutting at a restaurant in the vicinity when he heard a woman cry for help. Running to the street, he saw the woman leaning out of the window on the second floor with two children by her side. The young man clambered over the sill of a store window, jumped and caught a swinging sign and pulled himself up to the window. He led the three frightened tenants down the fire escape to the street and then ran back and rescued the woman's eighteen-month-old baby, who was asleep in a crib.

Later he went to the roof of an adjoining building and by throwing a bucket of water over the alley made it possible for a number of tenants, who seemingly had been cut off on the roof, to cross in safety.

William Connors, who lives with his mother across the street from the burned building, also rescued a number of persons from the third floor, including Mrs. Silver. He was badly burned when a gust of flame burned the clothing from his back as he was walking down the fire escape with a woman in his arms.

"Everything points to the fire being of incendiary origin," Assistant District Attorney Hennis, conducting an investigation, said last night. Mr. Hennis, one of the first officials to visit the scene, noted the similarity between today's fire and that in the West Side Apartment several weeks ago.

QUARRY FOREMAN SHOT

Discharged Laborer at Hillville Also Wounded—Both in Hospital

COAL BOARD PLANS TO FIND PROFITTEERS

Cost of Production, Transportation and Distribution to Be Studied First

PUBLIC TO GET FINDINGS

By a Staff Correspondent

Washington, Oct. 23.—Whether there is any profiteering in anthracite coal prices paid by the consumer today is to be the first inquiry made by the Coal Fact-Finding Commission appointed by President Harding. John J. Hayes, chairman of the commission, declares that the public shall have complete and accurate information as to the present costs of producing, transporting and distributing coal.

Coal prices are causing argument and trouble throughout the country, and especially the prices asked for anthracite. There is no intention on the part of the commission to infer that prices are unreasonable or that there is profiteering. But it is the belief of the commission that producers, distributors, miners and consumers will be served best by giving the public information. And the co-operation of all will be sought in this endeavor.

Within the next two weeks Chairman Hammond expects to have his organization completed and the investigation under way. Today there will be a conference with Ellis Searles, of Indianapolis; Thomas Kennedy, of Ohio, and John Moore, of Pennsylvania, representatives of the United Mine Workers. Tomorrow the commission will be held in session and a conference with anthracite operators will be held on Thursday. These will be informal and merely for the purpose of planning for the study to be made by the commission.

No Hearings at Present For the present, at least, and probably for some future time, there will be no meetings or hearings before the commission. This plan was adopted by Mr. Hammond with the idea of pushing the work as rapidly as possible. The commission plans to make immediate use, however, of information gained in other investigations.

Once the plan of procedure is to be as follows: First—Assignment of experts to the information gained in previous investigations, such as that made by the Senate Committee on the anthracite industry, which former Senator Kenyon was the active chairman. All the facts which will be important and pertinent to the work of this commission will be compiled.

Second—Organization of experts to specialize on different subjects with the assignment of the most capable of the labor problems, the question of transportation and of distribution and other related subjects.

Third—Assignment of experts to questions relating to waste in the industry and to the charges of profiteering.

Much Data Available The commission must make a preliminary report in January and it is the hope that the investigation already made will supply much of the data. There is no great desire to make recommendations at that time, but more of an intention to build the foundation for the permanent work of the organization.

On that report will be based the commission will go on to its final work of preparing recommendations for Congress.

It is assured that plenty of information as to past conditions has been prepared. Volumes of evidence were made after the Kenyon committee completed its work and some years ago a congressional committee on industrial relations made a very comprehensive investigation. This information should form a fairly accurate picture for the beginning of the work.

Mr. Hammond is endeavoring to avoid long investigations and reports. There will be a report and recommendations to Congress, but the entire commission is to simplify that work and to make it as brief and as practical as it can be made. When the recommendations are made, it is the hope that there will be little opportunity to cavil. It is with this end in view that the public will be informed constantly as to what is taking place.

NOTED SURGEONS OF WORLD HOLD SESSIONS IN BOSTON

American College Conducts Meetings With Famous Speakers

Boston, Oct. 23.—(By A. P.)—More than 2000 of the world's prominent surgeons, including twenty-five or thirty from South American countries, gathered here today for the congress of the American College of Surgeons, which opens its formal sessions this afternoon.

Leaders of the profession from Europe here for the congress included Dr. H. H. Knapp, of London, who will deliver the John B. Murphy oration in surgery; Dr. Francis Seymour Kill, of London; Dr. Andrew Fullerton, of Belfast; and Dr. Elmer Key, of Stockholm.

Dr. Frank H. Martin, of Chicago, reported that 83 per cent of the hospitals of the country, with a minimum of 100 beds, had accepted the college's standards, which require that all hospitals of more than sixty beds keep a case record, an organized staff and provide adequate X-ray and laboratory facilities.

PRINCESS GAYFISH BOBS HAIR AND LOSES HUSBAND

Indian Flapper Beauty Upsets Thousand Years of Tradition

Hatfield, Wis., Oct. 23.—(By A. P.)—Princess Newawa Gayfish, a Winnebago Indian beauty, upset a thousand years of tradition and her own domestic life when she bobbed her hair and introduced her fellow redmen to hairdressing. Her father, Chief Hunning Wolf, and her husband, Dan Gayfish, but on a war dance that made the silent forests sound like a reunion of bold warriors.

After the storm had cleared, Newawa found herself an exile so far as her relatives were concerned. She accepted her misfortune with a smile, and that evening she and her baby son turned their backs on the old reservation and went to Nebraska where an uncle left her \$15,000 and a large tract of land. She will attempt to cultivate the land. Newawa is eighteen years old and has been married three years.

DIG UP GOLD BRICK

Illinois Barn Discovery May Be Worth \$18,000

Watsela, Ill., Oct. 23.—What is believed to be a real gold brick was discovered by workmen yesterday under the rotted floor of an old barn which has been standing here for half a century.

The brick is two inches thick, and should it prove to be gold, would be worth more than \$18,000.

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Night Gowns with sleeves or sleeveless, \$1.95 to \$3.95 Night Gowns in extra sizes—\$3.50 and \$3.95. Envelope Chemises, \$1.95; Step-in Chemises, in extra sizes—\$2.95 and \$3.50. Bodices—\$1.95. Bloomers—\$1.50 and \$1.95. Step-in Drawers—\$1.95.

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Superfine Wilton Rugs Size 6x9 feet—\$67.50 Size 9x12—\$100 and \$110 Size 8.3x10.6 feet—\$92.50, \$102.50 Size 11.3x15 feet—\$185.00

Seamless Fringed Wilton Velvet Rugs, made by Alexander Smith and Sons, exceptional values: 8.3x10.6—\$62.50; 9x12—\$65.

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The collection includes among many others—handsome Overcoats, tailored by Hart, Schaffner & Marx and the Stein-Bloch Company—America's finest houses; as well as swaggar English Overcoats from Thexton & Wright and Richard Austin & Company—England's foremost Tailoring concerns.

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